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Preface

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Muslims consider ***'ismah,*** infallibility, as an important quality for the person who holds the position of prophethood. This quality is not confined to the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (peace be upon him and his progeny) but is also found in all the prophets and messengers of God who came before Islam.

However, there are some verses of the Qur'an that apparently imply that Prophet Adam and some other prophets had committed sins. This treatise is an attempt to study the concept of ***'ismah*** in light of the Qur'an.

This treatise is an expanded version of the lectures that I had given to the weekly classes on Islamic theology at Toronto in 1995. I pray and hope that this serves as a small but important step in studying the Qur'an from the thematic approach.

Rabbana taqabbal minna, innaka Samí'u 'd-du'a'.

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